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Princeton Alumni, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Class of '54 and Director, Administration and Management, Raymond F. DuBois, '68, address a group of Princeton University students who are interning in Washington, DC, for the summer. Photo by Brett Eaton.

## WHS Web Site Revised

WHS is transforming and so is our web site!

Use [www.whs.pentagon.mil](http://www.whs.pentagon.mil) as the portal to all things related to WHS. Directorates, services, news and events, past issues of *Pipeline*, and so much more.

What do **you** want to see on our new website? Please submit ideas, content and updates to [information@whs.mil](mailto:information@whs.mil).

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Do you need to know *right now* what's happening around the Department of Defense? Click on the links below for events, news, and other information.

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## Crime Doesn't Pay

We won't let a few bad apples stain the reputation and integrity of the WHS workforce. Our message to the few who would dare...you will be caught and you will be prosecuted! Recently, thanks to a few hardworking, diligent, and attentive WHS employees, authorities were able to catch and successfully prosecute a WHS employee for stealing government property and defrauding the government of thousands of dollars. The former employee of the Defense Facilities Directorate, Kevin Hawkins, was convicted of accepting \$47,000 in bribes to make improper purchases of maintenance supplies valued between \$200,000 and \$400,000 for the Pentagon. This case was part of a continuing effort by the Defense Criminal Investigation Services (DCIS), WHS, and the United States Attorney's Office to crack down on fraud and abuse within DoD. The assistance of Hawkins' fellow employees, who discovered the misconduct and immediately reported it to the proper authorities, was pivotal to the investigation and eventual prosecution of Hawkins.

A Pentagon maintenance work inspector since 1998, he was responsible for the approval, review and reconciliation of invoices for purchases of building and maintenance supplies charged to the government. Hawkins prepared and approved fraudulent purchase orders for goods he knew were not delivered. In return for ripping off the government, he received money on 62 different occasions from a vendor doing business with the government. On one occasion, Hawkins received \$7,000, which was delivered directly to a motorcycle dealer for the purchase of a motorcycle. On a separate occasion, his rent was paid by the vendor.

This behavior is detrimental to everyone. If you suspect any type of fraud, abuse, or waste, please notify DCIS or the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.

### The Teamwork of Geese – Lesson #3:

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head.

**Lesson:** Shared leadership and interdependence give us each a chance to lead as well as an opportunity to rest.



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